

Clinical Edit Criteria Proposal

Drug/Drug Class: **Lactulose Step Therapy Edit**

Prepared for: **Missouri Medicaid**
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☐ **New Criteria**

☒ **Revision of Existing Criteria**

Executive Summary

Purpose: Monitor the use of Lactulose as first-line treatment of constipation.

Why was this Issue Selected: Lactulose prescription claims are significantly more expensive to the program than other drugs prescribed for constipation, with the average Lactulose prescription costing the program \$21.77. The average prescription claim for Sennosides Syrup costs the program \$7.32.

Program-specific information:	Drug	Claims	Expense
	• Lactulose Syrup	44,930	\$978,070

Setting & Population: Prescribed primarily in older adult populations

Type of Criteria:

<input type="checkbox"/> Increased risk of ADE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Preferred Agent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/>

Data Sources:

<input type="checkbox"/> Only administrative databases	<input type="checkbox"/> Databases + Prescriber-supplied
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Approval Criteria

- **Drug for review:** Lactulose
- **Diagnosis:** Encephalopathy, Portal-Systemic or Subclinical Hepatic

Denial Criteria

- No prior prescription claims for Senna, Sennosides, or Docusate Sodium products, or
- Patient less than 2 years of age, or
- Lack of appropriate diagnoses

Required Documentation

Laboratory results: ☐
MedWatch form: ☐

Progress notes: ☐

Disposition of Edit

- **Denial:** Edit 681 "Step Therapy Edit"

Client Approval

Please have an authorized representative execute this PA criteria verifying receipt by the client and that all elements contained herein are understood.

Client Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____



Lactulose Step Therapy
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